

HIV/AIDS Profile: El Salvador

Demographic Indicators

Population (1,000s)	6,123	Growth Rate (%)	1.9
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)		Life Expectancy	
Both Sexes	29	Both Sexes	70
Male	32	Male	66
Female	26	Female	74
Crude Birth Rate (per 1,000)	29	Crude Death Rate (per 1,000)	6
Percent Urban	58	Total Fertility Rate	3.4
Note: Above indicators are for 2000.			

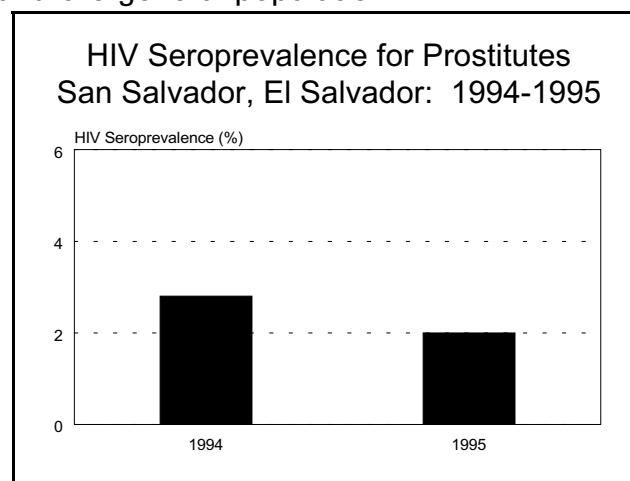
Estimated % of adults living with HIV/AIDS, end 1999	0.6 %		
Cumulative AIDS rate (per 1,000) as of 8/20/98	0.40		
Cumulative AIDS cases as of 8/20/98	2344		
Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Reference Bureau, UNAIDS, World Health Organization.			

Epidemiological Data

Epidemic State: Low

There is limited HIV prevalence data pertaining to El Salvador. What data are available indicate a low-level epidemic. In the mid 1990s, rates among high-risk groups ranged from 2 to 6 percent. Very low rates of HIV infection were found among pregnant women, blood donors, and the general population.

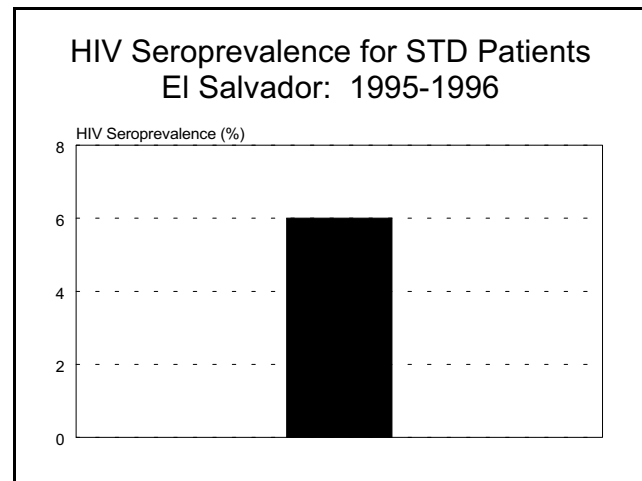
- Among prostitutes, both male and female, who were tested in area health units in San Salvador, the capital, in 1994, 3 percent tested positive. In 1995, 2 percent were infected.



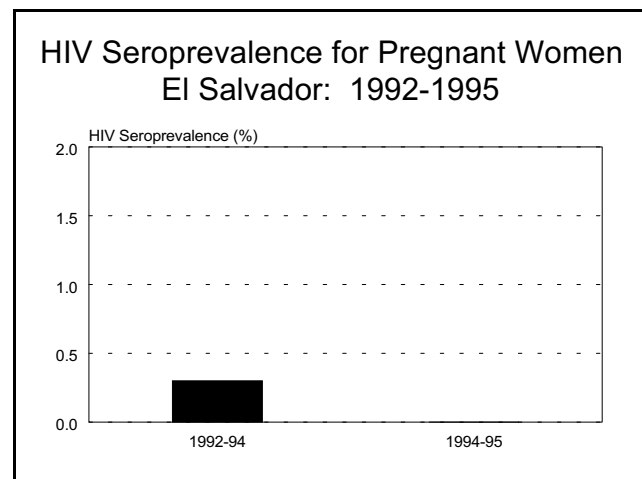
Source: International Programs Center, Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau, AIDS Surveillance Data Base, June 2000.

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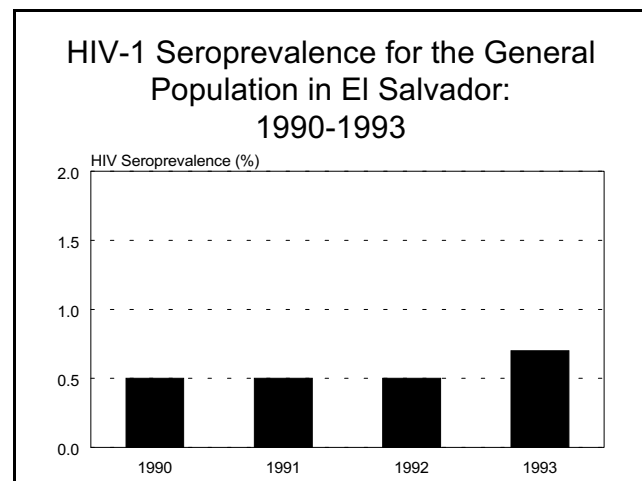
- Among patients attending a STD clinic in an unspecified geographic location in El Salvador, 6 percent tested positive for the HIV virus in 1995-96.



- Less than one-half of 1 percent of pregnant women tested in 1992-94 in El Salvador tested positive for the virus. In 1994-95, no evidence of infection was found among pregnant women tested at Hospital San Juan de Dios.

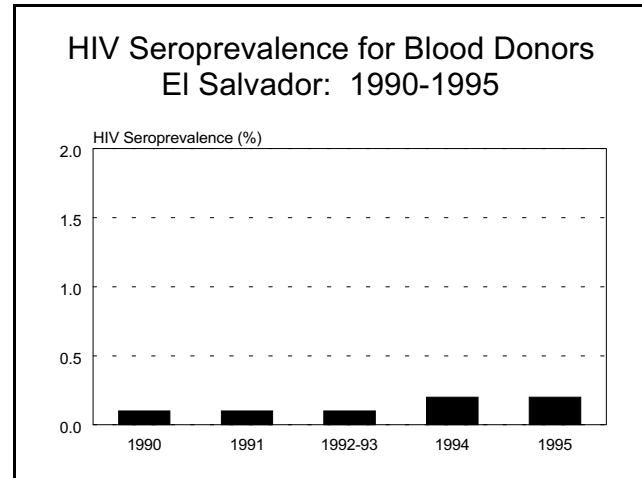


- According to a study conducted among the general population of El Salvador, HIV1 seroprevalence remained at under 1 percent during 1990-93.



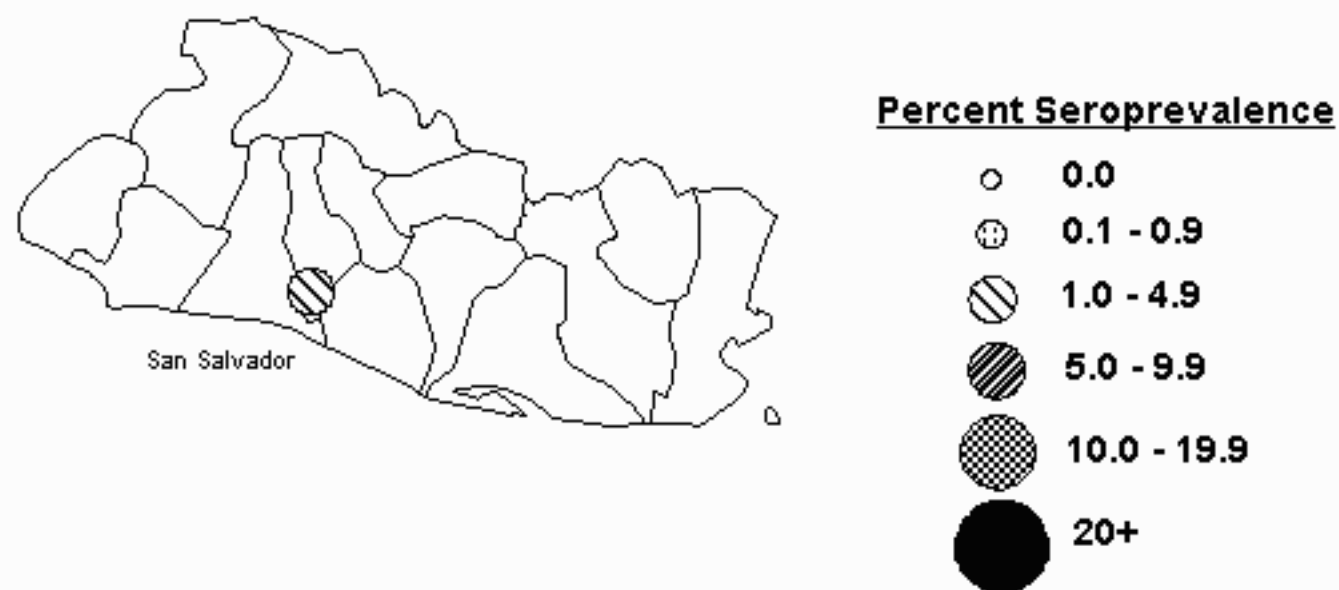
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- HIV seroprevalence remained stable during 1990-95 among blood donors tested at the Red Nacional de Bancos de Sangre.



Seroprevalence of HIV-1 for Prostitutes

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